

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A frying device for cooking portions of foodstuffs and pastries comprising a storage container and a frying drum containing liquefied cooking fat that is connected to the storage container by means of a transportation pipe, the frying drum accommodating a revolving agitator that conveys the cooked portions onto a discharging conveyor chute, the conveyor chute having a U-shaped profile, and the frying drum being accommodated in a service drum in such a manner as to be axially displaceable, wherein the frying drum is a hollow cylinder closed on all sides, a discharge drum is arranged in the frying drum, said discharge drum removing the fried material from the frying drum, and a revolving agitator that conveys it into the discharge drum, the discharge drum is provided with a slit-shaped recess with a conveyor chute that continues the recess, parallel limbs of the U-shaped profile engage with an inner surface of a pipe-shaped part of the discharge drum, and a prolongation of the downwardly inclined conveyor chute passes through a cover of the frying drum and a cover of the service drum.

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A frying device in accordance with claim ~~12~~ 10, wherein the agitator is connected to an output shaft of an electric motor by means of a plug-in coupling.

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A frying device in accordance with claim ~~14~~ 10, wherein the frying drum and the discharge drum are designed to be decomposable into their component parts.